

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment filed on July 15, 2008 has been entered. Claims 1-2, 4-13, 15-23, and 25-47 are pending. Claims 3, 14, and 24 are cancelled by the applicant.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given by applicant on September 19, 2008. The applicant has agreed and authorized examiner to incorporate claims 4, 6, 15, 17, 26, 35, 39, and 42 into the independent claims 1, 12, 23, 32, and 37 respectively. In addition, claims 5, 7, 16, 18, 38, 40-41, and 43-47 are also amended to be depended on claims 1, 12, and 37 respectively.

CLAIMS:

3. Please cancel claim 4, 6, 15, 17, 26, 35, 39, and 42.
4. Please replace claims 1, 5, 7, 12, 16, 18, 23, 32, 37-38, 40-41, and 43-47 as follows:

Claim 1. A method comprising:

associating a first entity with a second entity in a first device;
determining whether to provide information about the association of the first and second entities to a second device as directed by the first entity;

in response to the determining, providing the information to a second device without the second entity being logged in to either the first or second device, the providing further includes providing the second device with a validation code that identifies the first entity and the second entity, when the first entity is operatively

associated with the second device, wherein the validation code identifies modifications to a consent parameter associated with the second entity; and

facilitating access of the second entity to the second device based on the information.

Claim 5. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the validation code identifies the second entity by an identifier and a name.

Claim 7. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein providing the second device with the validation code further includes encrypting at least a portion of the validation code.

Claim 12. A computer-readable storage medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions, comprising:

associating a first entity with a second entity in a first device;

causing the first device to determine whether to provide information about the association of the first and second entities to a second device as directed by the first entity;

in response to the determining, causing the first device to provide the information to the second device without the second entity being logged in to either the first or second device and also causing the first device to provide the second device with a validation code that identifies the first entity and the second entity, when the first entity is operatively associated with the second device, wherein the validation code identifies modifications to a consent parameter associated with the second entity; and

facilitating access of the second entity to the second device based on the information.

Claim 16. The computer-readable storage medium as recited in claim 12, wherein the validation code identifies the second entity by an identifier and a name.

Claim 18. The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 12, wherein causing the first device to provide the second device with the validation code further includes encrypting at least a portion of the validation code.

Claim 23. An apparatus comprising:

memory having information associating a first user of the apparatus with a second user of the apparatus; and

logic operatively coupled to the memory and configured to respond to inputs from the first user by determining whether to output information about the association of the first and second users to a second device as directed by the first user;

outputting the information to the second device without the second user being logged into the apparatus; and

facilitating access of the second user to the second device based on the information;

wherein the logic is configurable to be operatively connected to at least one external device and is further configured to selectively output the information within a validation code that identifies the first user and the second user, when the first user signs-in to the external device; and

the validation code facilitates the first user to review the information, wherein the validation code identifies modifications to a consent parameter associated with the second user.

Claim 32. A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a data structure, comprising:

a validation code that identifies a first entity and a second entity, wherein the validation code identifies modifications to a consent parameter associated with the second entity; and

a user profile of the second entity with consent information designated by the first entity, wherein the validation code facilitates the first entity to review the consent information and the consent information facilitates the second entity to access a server.

Claim 37. An apparatus comprising:
memory; and

logic operatively coupled to the memory and configured to allow a first entity to be operatively associated with the apparatus, determine whether to provide information about the association of the first entity and at least one other entity to a second device as directed by the first entity, and receive the information without the at least one other entity being logged in to the apparatus, wherein:

the first entity includes a first user, the at least one other entity includes a second user,

without requiring the at least one other entity to be operatively associated with the apparatus includes without requiring the second user to be logged in to the apparatus,

the validation code identifies modifications to a consent parameter associated with the at least one other entity.

Claim 38. The apparatus as recited in claim 37, wherein the first entity and the at least one other entity are selected from a group of entities that includes users, organizations, companies, devices, computers, servers, computer programs, and applications.

Claim 40. The apparatus as recited in claim 37, wherein the logic is configurable to receive the information about the association from an external device via a validation code that identifies the first entity and the at least one other entity, when the first entity is operatively associated with the external device.

Claim 41. The apparatus as recited in claim 37, wherein the validation code identifies the at least one other entity by an identifier and a name.

Claim 43. The apparatus as recited in claim 37, wherein the logic is further configured to decrypt the validation code, as needed.

Claim 44. The apparatus as recited in claim 37, wherein, in response to the validation code, the logic is further configurable to output previously gathered information relating to the at least one other entity to the external device.

Claim 45. The apparatus as recited in claim 37, wherein the first user is a parent/guardian of the second user.

Claim 46. The apparatus as recited in claim 37, wherein the apparatus is included in a network server that is configured to act as an affiliate server.

Claim 47. The apparatus as recited in claim 37, wherein the external device includes a network server that is configured to act as an authentication server.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-2, 5, 7-13, 16, 18-23, and 25, 27-34, 36-38, 40-41, and 43-47 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Please see attached interview summary.

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Conclusion

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanhnga (Tanya) Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-3858.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on 571-272-3859. The central fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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